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Box Score

Pirates Upend Lakers Behind Big Second Half, 79-72

CLAYTON ST.		ARMSTRONG STATE		
72	Final	1	2	T
	CLAYTON ST. (9-5, 3-2 PBC)	30	42	72
	ARMSTRONG STATE (5-7, 3-2 PBC)	32	47	79

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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong State University women's basketball team made 19 of 29 shots from the floor after halftime to pick up a 79-72 Peach Belt Conference victory over visiting Clayton State University on Thursday evening at Alumni Arena.

The win was the third out of the last four contests for the Pirates (5-7,

GAME LEADERS
CLAYTON ST.
Pts: Tiayra Green - 17
Reb: DaQuenna Moore - 11
Ast: DaQuenna Moore - 2
ARMSTRONG STATE

3-2 PBC), while Clayton State (9-5, 3-2 PBC) saw its three-game winning streak come to a close. The Pirates next host Francis Marion University in a Peach Belt contest on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Alumni Arena.

Clayton State jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the game's first four and a half minutes, but the Pirates used a 14-1 run to take a 16-11 lead with 11:32 left in the first half. Armstrong was able to take a two-point lead into the break, 32-30 - just the second time this season in 12 contests that the Pirates have held a halftime advantage.

Back-to-back layups by Clayton State's Shay Upshaw coming out of intermission put the Lakers back in front and Clayton State eventually built a seven-point lead, 43-36, with a quick start in the first three minutes of the second half. Again, though, the Pirates responded with a run - this time a 13-1 run to take a 49-44 lead with 13:50 left in the game.

Clayton State fought back to tie the game at 49-all, but Armstrong reclaimed the lead on a pair of free throws by senior **Dee Hayward** and never looked back, cruising to the seven-point win behind a lights-out shooting performance in the second half. Armstrong hit 19-of-29 shots for 65.5 percent from the field after the break and finished the game shooting a season-high 56.1 percent from the floor.

Hayward led all players on the evening with 25 points on 7-of-13 shooting from the floor, including 2-of-5 three-pointers and 9-of-11 shooting from the free throw line. Junior **Alexia Somerset** added a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while junior **Shermika Harris** and sophomore **Brigitta Barta** each chipped in 12 points and senior **Amber Howell** notched 10 points.

Clayton State was led by Tiayra Green's 17 points and double-doubles from Kenisha Jones-Barrett (14 pts, 10 rbs) and DaQuenna Moore (11 pts, 11 rbs).

The win was the first for the Pirates over the Lakers at home since the 2007-08 season and halted a six-game losing streak to Clayton State as well.



Pts: Dee Hayward - 25
Reb: Alexia Somerset - 10
Ast: Amber Johnson - 9

TEAM STATS		
CLAYTON ST.	ARMSTRONG STATE	
(29-69)	Field Goals	(32-57)
42.0%	Field Goal %	56.1%
41	Rebounds	37
7	Assists	22
22	Turnovers	23
19	Pts off Turnovers	28
18	2nd Chance Pts	10
38	Pts in the Paint	46
0	Fastbreak Pts	24
15	Bench Pts	16

FULL STATS



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